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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am taking this moment to write you concerning the current settlement between the US Federal government and Microsoft. I feel it necessary to voice my opinion during this period of public comment, after all, it is people like myself, the American consumer, that are suffering throughout this over-drawn litigation.

The current settlement plan is, in my view, a fair and just compromise and the federal government should remove itself from the corporation's future business tactics. Microsoft has only made the face of technology easier for America, not to mention the whole world, and thanks to Microsoft, America has continued to be one of the leaders in the global economy.

Please take into consideration my opinion as an active member of my community and an American consumer who wants to see Microsoft back in the business of innovation.

Sincerely,



Anthony De Paul

cc: Representative Henry Hyde